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REMARKS

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1. Between 7 and 11 a.m. on 12 May 1952, no flying was observed at Schoenwalde airfield although the weather was fair. Between 10 and 11 a.m., firing was practiced at the field. Individual shots and the bursts of machine gun-fire were heard. (1) The previously reported radio installation with one mast was not 700 meters east but 700 meters west of Hennigsdorf railroad station. (2)

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2. On 21 May, four new two-axle trucks left the guardhouse of the field. The drivers wore black-bordered blue epaulets. (3)

3. Between 9 and 11 a.m. on 21 May, no air activity was observed at the field. Seven aircraft were parked in front of the hangars on the northern edge of the field. At 8 p.m. on 26 May, night flying by biplanes started at the field and still continued at 10:30 p.m. The aircraft took off individually at intervals of about 10 minutes and remained in the air for about 45 minutes. At nightfall, the runway was lighted by a searchlight. Another searchlight continuously rotated in the direction of the Falkensee restricted area. In the evening, three biplanes were parked in front of the closed hangars. Between 8 and 10 p.m. on 28 May, the field was observed. About 8:30 p.m., a twin-engine plane approached and landed after white ground signals were fired. About 8:50 p.m., another twin-engine plane landed after the firing of white ground signals. Except for these two planes, no other aircraft were observed at the field. Between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 29 May, several take-offs were made by a high-wing monoplane and two individual take-offs were made by a twin-engine plane which flew in the vicinity of the field. Two twin-engine aircraft and 1 high-wing monoplane were parked in front of a hangar. At 7:30 a.m. on 30 May, flying by individual twin-engine planes was in progress. A high-wing monoplane landed up to 12:30 p.m. The twin-engine planes took off individually, headed south and, after about 10 minutes, returned to the field at an altitude of about 500 meters. They came down to 50 or 60 meters over the field and released white sack which was about 1.5 meter long. This sack, which dropped quickly, was picked up by several soldiers who arrived on a truck. Individual planes approached several times. It appeared that this practice was performed only by one plane which took off 8 to 10 times successively. two used small-caliber practice targets with the names of Captains Kolosov and Rotishvity. (4) On 30 May, a total of 7 twin-engine planes, 3 biplanes and 1 high-wing monoplane were observed parked at the field or being flown.

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4. Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field included truck [redacted] radio truck [redacted] and truck [redacted] which was loaded with boxes. 25X1

5. At 10 a.m. on 23 May, no flying was observed at the field. Five twin-engine aircraft were parked in front of the hangars. Between 6 and 9 p.m. on 31 May, two biplanes practiced flying. Five twin-engine aircraft and 2 biplanes were parked at the field. At 6:30 p.m. on 2 June, there was no flying. Three twin-engine planes and 2 biplanes were parked at the field.

6. Three 85-mm AA guns, towed by trucks, were observed in the northwestern corner of the field. More guns could not be observed since the view was obstructed by buildings. (5)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The firing practices were performed by ground personnel.

- (2) This information corrects a previous information [redacted] 25X1

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- (3) [redacted] 25X1

- (4) The report confirms that Schoenwalde airfield is still occupied by twin-engine planes and some single-engine aircraft. 25X1

The observation that sleeve targets were dropped confirms information [redacted] according to which aircraft of a target tow unit were stationed at the field. The aircraft have been continually observed being employed as target tow planes with fighter units of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. It is not known whether Captains Kolosov and Rotishvity belong to the air force or army units stationed at the field.

- (5) Heavy AA guns are reported for the first time from Schoenwalde airfield. The number of AA guns and their previous location remains unknown.

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